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FROM EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: PREL, SF

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER
BOTH

REF: STATE 191105

1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO DRAW DEPARTMENT'S
ATTENTION TO A NUMBER OF FACTUAL INACCURACIES
CONTAINED IN THE WOLPE ET AL CONGRESSIONAL
LETTER (REF) TO PRIME MINISTER BOTH.

DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DRAW ATTENTION OF
CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORS TO FOLLOWING PRESENTA-
TION OF ACTUAL REALITY.

2. -- ARREST OF UDF MEMBERS: FOURTEEN UDF
MEMBERS WERE BRIEFLY DETAINED (FOR LESS
THAN TWELVE HOURS) FOR DEFACING DURBAN
MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY AFFIXING POSTERS
TO BUILDINGS. TWENTY-NINE OTHER UDF
MEMBERS WERE ARRESTED FOR HOLDING AN
OPEN-AIR MEETING WITHOUT A PERMIT. ALL
HAVE BEEN RELEASED ON NOMINAL BOND AND
FURTHER COURT HEARINGS HAVE BEEN
POSTPONED. THE UDF'S ONE-MILLION SIG-
NATURE CAMPAIGN HAS CONTINUED IN A
LARGELY UNHAMPERED FASHION.

3. -- TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESS (TIC) PAM-
PHLET BANNING: THE COURTS HAVE LIFTED THE
BAN PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED ON THE TIC PAMPHLET,
ENABLING TIC TO CONTINUE THEIR ANTI-
PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN.

4. -- PARTICIPATION IN ANC ACTIVITIES: AS
FAR AS THE EMBASSY KNOWS, NO CURRENTLY
LEGAL ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH
"PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS," ALTHOUGH
INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS BARBARA HOGAN HAVE

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. BEEN CONVICTED UNDER SUCH A STATUTE,
. REMEMBERING THAT THE ANC IS AN ILLEGAL
. ORGANIZATION UNDER SOUTH AFRICAN LAW.

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